

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 are pending.

Applicant's claims have been rejected as anticipated or deemed obvious by Baxter, or deemed obvious in view of Baxter taken with me of several secondary references. Applicant submits, however, that Baxter fails to disclose or track the basic structure of the claimed invention and, therefor, neither anticipates nor renders obvious, such invention, taken alone or in combination with any of the cited secondary references.

Each of the rejected claims recite a machine having an endless conveyor mounted on a support frame, having a plurality of tines projecting from an outer side thereof and a flight extending from a front end adjacent ground level, upwardly and rearwardly to an elevated rear end, and a receptacle mounted on such support frame, positioned to receive articles removed by the tines and carried upwardly and rearwardly on the conveyor and discharged into the receptacle, and having a set of tines co-operable with the conveyor tines. It respectfully is submitted that Baxter neither discloses any such structure.


The machine disclosed in Baxter includes a drum 3 having a set of tines disposed about the circumference thereof, a first endless conveyor 7 which conveys debris deposited thereon to a trough 10, a screw conveyor 11 which conveys debris received from conveyor 7 to a conveyor 9 which conveys the debris forwardly to a receptacle 20, and a screw auger 21 which function to move debris received from conveyor 9 transversely so as to more evenly distribute the debris in receptacle 20. While drum 3 in Baxter may be construed as an endless conveyor, it does not have a flight extending upwardly and rearwardly, and is not provided with a set of tines on a receptacle for dislodging debris carried by the conveyor tines. The component designated by the reference numeral 21 in Baxter has been constructed as a receptacle tine. However, such component is not a set of tine but merely a screw auger which "urges the debris toward the starboard side of hopper 20 avoiding a jam at the point of entry," column 5, lines 30 - 32. Even if component 21 could be construed to function as a set of tines, it clearly does not cooperate with any of the tines of drum 3 to dislodge any debris from the drum tines. Because of Baxter's failure to disclose the basic structure of Applicant's claims, this

reference cannot be construed to anticipate the claimed invention nor serve as a primary reference which may be modified by any secondary reference to arrive at the claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. An early action indication of such is earnestly solicited. However, if there are any issues that remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite a resolution to such issues. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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